

#### REMARKS

Applicants submit that the amendment to the claims do not introduce new matter and are fully supported by the specification and claims as originally filed. Applicants submit that the present claims meet all the requirements for patentability. The Examiner is respectfully requested to allow all the present claims. If the Examiner is of a contrary view, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (215) 557-3861.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

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## **VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

### In the claims:

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Please cancel claims 11 and 23, without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1-22 and 24, as follows:

- 10 1. (amended) A particle consisting of a solid dispersion, comprising:
  - (b) a compound of formula

$$L \xrightarrow{N \atop N} \underset{R}{\overset{(R^4)_n}{\underset{1}{\bigvee}}}$$
 (I-A)

a N-oxide, a pharmaceutically acceptable addition salt or a stereochemically isomeric form thereof,

wherein

Y is CR<sup>5</sup> or N;

A is CH, CR<sup>4</sup> or N;

n is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

Q is -NR<sup>1</sup>R<sup>2</sup> or when Y is CR<sup>5</sup> then Q may also be hydrogen;

 $R^1$  and  $R^2$  are each independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxy,  $C_{1-12}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-12}$ alkyloxy,  $C_{1-12}$ alkyloxy,  $C_{1-12}$ alkyloxycarbonyl, aryl, amino, mono- or di( $C_{1-12}$ alkyl)amino, mono- or di( $C_{1-12}$ alkyl)aminocarbonyl wherein each of the aforementioned  $C_{1-12}$ alkyl groups may optionally and each individually be substituted with one or two substituents each independently selected from hydroxy,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyloxy, hydroxy $C_{1-6}$ alkyloxy, carboxyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyloxycarbonyl, cyano, amino, imino, aminocarbonyl, aminocarbonylamino, mono- or di( $C_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino, aryl

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and Het; or  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  taken together may form pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, morpholinyl, azido or mono- or di $(C_{1-12}$ alkyl)amino $C_{1-4}$ alkylidene;

 $R^3$  is hydrogen, aryl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkylcarbonyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyloxycarbonyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl substituted with  $C_{1-6}$ alkyloxycarbonyl; [and]

each  $R^4$  independently is hydroxy, halo,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyloxy, cyano, aminocarbonyl, nitro, amino, trihalomethyl, trihalomethyloxy, or when Y is  $CR^5$  then  $R^4$  may also represent  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl substituted with cyano or aminocarbonyl;

R<sup>5</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl;

L is  $-X^1-R^6$  or  $-X^2-Alk-R^7$ , wherein

 $R^6$  and  $R^7$  each independently are phenyl or phenyl substituted with one, two, three, four or five substituents each independently selected from halo, hydroxy,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyloxy,  $C_{1-6}$ alkylcarbonyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyloxycarbonyl, formyl, cyano, nitro, amino, and trifluoromethyl; or when Y is  $CR^5$  then  $R^6$  and  $R^7$  may also be selected from phenyl substituted with one, two, three, four or five substituents each independently selected from aminocarbonyl, trihalomethyloxy and trihalomethyl; or when Y is N then  $R^6$  and  $R^7$  may also be selected from indanyl or indolyl, each of said indanyl or indolyl may be substituted with one, two, three, four or five substituents each independently selected from halo, hydroxy,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyloxy,  $C_{1-6}$ alkylcarbonyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyloxycarbonyl, formyl, cyano, nitro, amino, and trifluoromethyl;

 $X^1$  and  $X^2$  are each independently -NR<sup>3</sup>-, -NH-NH-, -N=N-, -O-, -S-, -S(=O)- or -S(=O)<sub>2</sub>-;

Alk is C<sub>1-4</sub>alkanediyl; or

when Y is  $CR^5$  then L may also be selected from  $C_{1-10}$ alkyl,  $C_{3-10}$ alkenyl,  $C_{3-10}$ alkynyl,  $C_{3-7}$ cycloalkyl, or  $C_{1-10}$ alkyl substituted

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with one or two substituents independently selected from  $C_{3-7}$  cycloalkyl, indanyl, indolyl and phenyl, wherein said phenyl, indanyl and indolyl may be substituted with one, two, three, four or where possible five substituents each independently selected from halo, hydroxy,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyloxy, cyano, aminocarbonyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyloxycarbonyl, formyl, nitro, amino, trihalomethyl, trihalomethyloxy and  $C_{1-6}$ alkylcarbonyl;

aryl is phenyl or phenyl substituted with one, two, three, four or five substituents each independently selected from halo,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyloxy, cyano, nitro and trifluoromethyl;

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# a compound of formula

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
L & R^1 & (R^2)_q \\
N & N & b^1 & b^2 \\
N & b^2 & R^{2a}
\end{array}$$
 (I-B)

the N-oxides, the pharmaceutically acceptable addition salts, quaternary amines and the stereochemically isomeric forms thereof, wherein

 $-b^1=b^2-C(R^{2a})=b^3-b^4=$  represents a bivalent radical of formula

-CH=CH-C(
$$R^{2a}$$
)=CH-CH= (b-1);

$$-N=CH-C(R^{2a})=CH-CH=$$
 (b-2);

$$-CH=N-C(R^{2a})=CH-CH=$$
 (b-3);

20 -N=CH-C(
$$R^{2a}$$
)=N-CH= (b-4);

$$-N=CH-C(R^{2a})=CH-N=$$
 (b-5);

$$-CH=N-C(R^{2a})=N-CH=$$
 (b-6);

$$-N=N-C(R^{2a})=CH-CH=$$
 (b-7);

q is 0, 1, 2; or where possible q is 3 or 4;

25 R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen, aryl, formyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylcarbonyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxycarbonyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylsubstituted with formyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylcarbonyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxycarbonyl;

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R<sup>2a</sup> is cyano, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(methyl)aminocarbonyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl substituted with cyano, aminocarbonyl or mono- or di(methyl)aminocarbonyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>alkenyl substituted with cyano, or C<sub>2-6</sub>alkynyl substituted with cyano;

each R<sup>2</sup> independently is hydroxy, halo, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with cyano or -C(=O)R<sup>6</sup>, C<sub>3-7</sub>cycloalkyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>alkenyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen atoms or cyano, C<sub>2-6</sub>alkynyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen atoms or cyano, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxycarbonyl, carboxyl, cyano, nitro, amino, mono- or di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)amino, polyhalomethyl, polyhalomethyloxy, polyhalomethylthio, -S(=O)<sub>p</sub>R<sup>6</sup>, -NH-S(=O)<sub>p</sub>R<sup>6</sup>, -C(=O)R<sup>6</sup>, -NHC(=O)H, -C(=O)NHNH<sub>2</sub>, -NHC(=O)R<sup>6</sup>,-C(=NH)R<sup>6</sup> or a radical of formula

$$A$$
 (c)

wherein each A independently is N, CH or CR<sup>6</sup>;

B is NH, O, S or  $NR^6$ ;

p is 1 or 2; and

R<sup>6</sup> is methyl, amino, mono- or dimethylamino or polyhalomethyl;

- L is  $C_{1-10}$ alkyl,  $C_{2-10}$ alkenyl,  $C_{2-10}$ alkynyl,  $C_{3-7}$ cycloalkyl, whereby each of said aliphatic group may be substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from
  - \* C<sub>3-7</sub>cycloalkyl,
  - \* indolyl or isoindolyl, each optionally substituted with one, two, three or four substituents each independently selected from halo, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, hydroxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy, cyano, aminocarbonyl, nitro, amino, polyhalomethyl, polyhalomethyloxy and C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylcarbonyl,
  - \* phenyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl or pyridazinyl, wherein each of said aromatic rings may optionally be substituted with one, two, three, four or five substituents each independently selected from the substituents defined in R<sup>2</sup>; or

L is -X-R<sup>3</sup> wherein

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- R<sup>3</sup> is phenyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl or pyridazinyl, wherein each of said aromatic rings may optionally be substituted with one, two, three, four or five substituents each independently selected from the substituents defined in R<sup>2</sup>; and X is -NR<sup>1</sup>-, -NH-NH-, -N=N-, -O-, -C(=O)-, -CHOH-, -S-, -S(=O)- or -S(=O)<sub>2</sub>-;
- 5 Q represents hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, halo, polyhaloC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl or -NR<sup>4</sup>R<sup>5</sup>; and
  - $R^4$  and  $R^5$  are each independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxy,  $C_{1-12}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-12}$ alkyloxy,  $C_{1-12}$ alkylcarbonyl,  $C_{1-12}$ alkyloxycarbonyl, aryl, amino, mono- or di( $C_{1-12}$ alkyl)amino, mono- or di( $C_{1-12}$ alkyl)aminocarbonyl wherein each of the aforementioned  $C_{1-12}$ alkyl groups may optionally and each individually be substituted with one or two substituents each independently selected from hydroxy,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyloxy, hydroxy $C_{1-6}$ alkyloxy, carboxyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyloxycarbonyl, cyano, amino, imino, mono- or di( $C_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino, polyhalomethyl, polyhalomethyloxy, polyhalomethylthio,  $-S(=O)_pR^6$ ,  $-NH-S(=O)_pR^6$ ,  $-C(=O)R^6$ , -NHC(=O)H,  $-C(=O)NHNH_2$ ,  $-NHC(=O)R^6$ ,  $-C(=NH)R^6$ , aryl and Het; or
- R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> taken together may form pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, morpholinyl, azido or monoor di(C<sub>1-12</sub>alkyl)aminoC<sub>1-4</sub>alkylidene;
  - Y represents hydroxy, halo, C<sub>3-7</sub>cycloalkyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>alkenyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen atoms, C<sub>2-6</sub>alkynyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen atoms, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl substituted with cyano or -C(=O)R<sup>6</sup>, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxycarbonyl, carboxyl, cyano, nitro, amino, mono- or di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)amino, polyhalomethyl, polyhalomethyloxy, polyhalomethylthio, -S(=O)<sub>p</sub>R<sup>6</sup>, -NH-S(=O)<sub>p</sub>R<sup>6</sup>, -C(=O)R<sup>6</sup>, -NHC(=O)H, -C(=O)NHNH<sub>2</sub>, -NHC(=O)R<sup>6</sup>, -C(=NH)R<sup>6</sup> or aryl;
  - aryl is phenyl or phenyl substituted with one, two, three, four or five substituents each independently selected from halo, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-7</sub>cycloalkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy, cyano, nitro, polyhaloC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl and polyhaloC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy;
  - Het is an aliphatic or aromatic heterocyclic radical; said aliphatic heterocyclic radical is selected from pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, homopiperidinyl, piperazinyl, morpholinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl and tetrahydrothienyl wherein each of said aliphatic heterocyclic radical may optionally be substituted with an oxo group; and said aromatic heterocyclic

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radical is selected from pyrrolyl, furanyl, thienyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl and pyridazinyl wherein each of said aromatic heterocyclic radical may optionally be substituted with hydroxy;

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### a compound of formula

$$L \bigvee_{N} \bigvee_{N} \bigvee_{a^{1} = a^{2}}^{R^{1}} (R^{2})_{n}$$
 (I-C)

the N-oxides, the pharmaceutically acceptable addition salts, quaternary amines and the stereochemically isomeric forms thereof, wherein

-a<sup>1</sup>=a<sup>2</sup>-a<sup>3</sup>=a<sup>4</sup>- represents a bivalent radical of formula

-CH=CH-CH=CH-

(a-1);

-N=CH-CH=CH-

(a-2);

-N=CH-N=CH-

(a-3);

-N=CH-CH=N-

(a-4);

-N=N-CH=CH-

(a-5);

n is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4; and in case  $-a^1=a^2-a^3=a^4$  is (a-1), then n may also be 5;

R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen, aryl, formyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylcarbonyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxycarbonyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl substituted with formyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylcarbonyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxycarbonyl; and

each R<sup>2</sup> independently is hydroxy, halo, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl optionally substituted with cyano or -C(=O)R<sup>4</sup>, C<sub>3-7</sub>cycloalkyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>alkenyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen atoms or cyano, C<sub>2-6</sub>alkynyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen atoms or cyano, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxycarbonyl, carboxyl, cyano, nitro, amino, mono- or di(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)amino, polyhalomethyl, polyhalomethyloxy, polyhalomethylthio,

 $-S(=O)_{p}R^{4}$ ,

 $-NH-S(=O)_pR^4$ ,

 $-C(=O)R^4$ ,

-NHC(=O)H,

-C(=O)NHNH<sub>2</sub>,

-NHC(=0) $R^4$ ,-C(=NH) $R^4$  or a radical of formula



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wherein each A independently is N, CH or CR<sup>4</sup>;

B is NH, O, S or NR<sup>4</sup>;

p is 1 or 2; and

R<sup>4</sup> is methyl, amino, mono- or dimethylamino or polyhalomethyl;

- L is  $C_{1-10}$ alkyl,  $C_{2-10}$ alkenyl,  $C_{2-10}$ alkynyl,  $C_{3-7}$ cycloalkyl, whereby each of said aliphatic group may be substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from
  - \* C<sub>3-7</sub>cycloalkyl,
  - \* indolyl or isoindolyl, each optionally substituted with one, two, three or four substituents each independently selected from halo, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, hydroxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy, cyano, aminocarbonyl, nitro, amino, polyhalomethyl, polyhalomethyloxy and C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylcarbonyl,
  - \* phenyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl or pyridazinyl, wherein each of said aromatic rings may optionally be substituted with one, two, three, four or five substituents each independently selected from the substituents defined in R<sup>2</sup>; or
- 15 L is  $-X-R^3$  wherein

R<sup>3</sup> is phenyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl or pyridazinyl, wherein each of said aromatic rings may optionally be substituted with one, two, three, four or five substituents each independently selected from the substituents defined in R<sup>2</sup>; and

X is -NR<sup>1</sup>-, -NH-NH-, -N=N-, -O-, -C(=O)-, -CHOH-, -S-, -S(=O)- or -S(=O)<sub>2</sub>-;

aryl is phenyl or phenyl substituted with one, two, three, four or five substituents each independently selected from halo, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-7</sub>cycloalkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy, cyano, nitro, polyhaloC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl and polyhaloC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy;

with the proviso that compounds wherein

- \* L is  $C_{1-3}$ alkyl;  $R^1$  is selected from hydrogen, ethyl and methyl;  $-a^1=a^2-a^3=a^4$ -represents a bivalent radical of formula (a-1); n is 0 or1 and  $R^2$  is selected from fluoro, chloro, methyl, trifluoromethyl, ethyloxy and nitro; or
- \* L is -X-R<sup>3</sup>, X is -NH-; R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen; -a<sup>1</sup>=a<sup>2</sup>-a<sup>3</sup>=a<sup>4</sup>- represents a bivalent radical of formula (a-1); n is 0 or1 and R<sup>2</sup> is selected from chloro, methyl, methyloxy, cyano,

amino and nitro and R<sup>3</sup> is phenyl, optionally substituted with one substituent selected from chloro, methyl, methyloxy, cyano, amino and nitro;

### and the compounds

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- \* N,N'-dipyridinyl-(1,3,5)-triazine-2,4-diamine;
- \* (4-chloro-phenyl)-(4(1-(4-isobutyl-phenyl)-ethyl)-(1,3,5) triazin-2-yl)-amine are not included;] and
  - (b) one or more pharmaceutically acceptable water-soluble polymers.
- 2. (amended) A particle according to claim 1, 25 or 26 having a particle size of less than
   1500 μm.
  - 3. (amended) A particle according to claim 1, 25 or 26, [or 2] wherein [the] said compound (a) [of formula (I-A), (I-B) or (I-C)] is in a non-crystalline phase.
- 4. (amended) A particle according to claim [3] 1, 25 or 26, wherein the solid dispersion is in the form of a solid solution comprising said compound (a) and said polymer (b). [, or in the form of a dispersion wherein amorphous or microcrystalline (a) or amorphous or microcrystalline (b) is dispersed more or less evenly in a solid solution comprising said (a) and said (b) ].

5. (amended) A particle consisting of a solid dispersion, comprising:

(a) a compound selected from the group consisting of

laccording to the preceding claims wherein the compound of formula (I-A), (I-B) (I-C) is 4-[[4-[(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)amino]-2or pyrimidinyl]amino]benzonitrile 4-[[4-amino-5-bromo-6-(4-cyano-2,6dimethylphenyloxy)-2-pyrimidinyl]amino]benzonitrile [(R165335)], 4-[[4amino-5-chloro-6-[(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)amino]-2-pyrimidinyl]amino]benzonitrile [(],4-[[5-chloro-4-[(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)amino]-2pyrimidinyl]amino]benzonitrile, (4-[[5-bromo-4-(4-cyano-2,6dimethylphenoxy)-2-pyrimidinyl]amino]benzonitrile, (4-[[4-amino-5-

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chloro-6-[(4-cyano-2,6-dimethylphenyl)amino]-2-pyrimidinyl]amino]-benzonitrile, (4-[[5-bromo-6-[(4-cyano-2,6-dimethylphenyl)amino]-2-pyrimidinyl]amino]benzonitrile, (4-[[4-amino-5-chloro-6-(4-cyano-2,6-dimethylphenyloxy)-2-pyrimidinyl]amino]benzonitrile, (4-[[2-[(cyanophenyl)amino]-4-pyrimidinyl]amino]-3,5-dimethylbenzonitrile, [(or] <u>and</u> 4-[[4-[(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)amino]-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl]amino]benzonitrile; **and** 

- (b) one or more pharmaceutically acceptable water-soluble polymers.
- 6. (amended) A particle according to [the preceding claims] <u>claim 1</u>, wherein [the compound of formula (I-A)] <u>said compound (a)</u> is 4-[[4-[(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)amino]-2-pyrimidinyl]amino]benzonitrile.
- 7. (amended) A particle according to [the preceding claims] claim 1, 25 or 26, wherein [the] said water-soluble polymer is a polymer that has an apparent viscosity of 1 to 5000 mPa·s when dissolved at 20°C in an aqueous solution at 2% (w/v).
  - 8. (amended) A particle according to claim 7, wherein the water-soluble polymer is **a polymer** selected from the group [comprising] **consisting of:**
- 20 [-] alkylcelluloses [such as methylcellulose],
  - [-] hydroxyalkylcelluloses [such as hydroxymethylcellulose, hydroxyethylcellulose, hydroxypropylcellulose and hydroxybutylcellulose],
  - [-] hydroxyalkyl alkylcelluloses [such as hydroxyethyl methylcellulose and hydroxypropyl methylcellulose],
- 25 [-] carboxyalkylcelluloses [such as carboxymethylcellulose],
  - [-] alkali metal salts of carboxyalkylcelluloses [such as sodium carboxymethylcellulose],
  - [-]carboxyalkylalkylcelluloses [such as carboxymethylethylcellulose],
  - [-] carboxyalkylcellulose esters,

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- [-]starches,
- [-] pectines [such as sodium carboxymethylamylopectine],
- [-] chitin derivatives [derivates such as chitosan],
- [-] di-, oligo- or polysaccharides [such as trehalose, cyclodextrins or a derivative thereof, alginic acid, alkali metal and ammonium salts thereof, carrageenans, galactomannans, tragacanth, agar-agar, gummi arabicum, guar gummi and xanthan gummi],
- [-] polyacrylic acids and the salts thereof,
- [-] polymethacrylic acids, the salts and esters thereof, methacrylate copolymers,
- 10 [-]polyvinylalcohol, and
  - [-]polyalkylene oxides [such as polyethylene oxide and polypropylene oxide and copolymers of ethylene oxide and propylene oxide].
  - 9. (amended) A particle according to claim 8, wherein [the] <u>said</u> water-soluble polymer is hydroxypropyl methylcellulose [HPMC 29105 mPa·s].
    - 10. (amended) A particle according to claim 9, wherein the [weight-by-]weight ratio of (a):(b) is in the range of 1:1 to 1:899.

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- 12. (amended) A particle according to [any one of the preceding claims] <u>claim 1, 25 or 26</u> consisting of a solid solution, comprising:
  - (a) two parts by weight of [a compound of formula (I-A), (I-B) or (I-C)] said compound (a); and
  - (b) three parts by weight of hydroxypropyl methylcellulose [HPMC 2910 5 mPa·s, obtainable by blending said components, extruding the blend at a temperature in the range of 20°C-300°C, grinding the extrudate, and optionally sieving the obtained particles].

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- 13. (amended) A particle according to [any one of the preceding claims] <u>claim 1, 25 or 26,</u> further comprising one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients.
- 5 14. (amended) A pharmaceutical dosage form, comprising a therapeutically effective amount of particles as claimed in [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, 25 or 26.
- 15. (amended) A <u>pharmaceutical</u> dosage form according to claim 14 [adapted for oral administration], <u>wherein said form is</u> shaped as a tablet <u>suitable for oral administration</u>.
  - 16. (amended) A **pharmaceutical** dosage form according to claim 15, [for immediate release of a compound of formula (I-A), (I-B) or (I-C) upon oral ingestion] wherein said particles are homogeneously distributed throughout a mixture of a diluent and a disintegrant for immediate release of said compound.
  - 17. (amended) A <u>pharmaceutical</u> dosage form according to claim 15 [or 16], <u>wherein</u> <u>said tablet is</u> surrounded by a film-coat comprising a film-forming polymer, a plasticizer and optionally a pigment.
    - 18. (amended) A **pharmaceutical** dosage form according to claim 16, wherein [the] **said** diluent is a spray-dried mixture [of] comprising:
      - (a) 25% by weight of lactose monohydrate; and
- 25 (b) 75% by weight of microcrystalline cellulose [(75:25),]; [and]
  wherein [the] said disintegrant is selected from the group consisting of crospovidone [or] and croscarmellose.
  - 19. (amended) A <u>pharmaceutical</u> dosage form according to [any one of claims 14 to 18] <u>claim 14</u>, wherein [the weight of said particles] <u>said therapeutically effective</u>

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**amount** is at least 40 % of the total weight of [the] **said pharmaceutical** dosage form.

- 20. (amended) A process of preparing particles as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 13] claim 1, 25 or 26, comprising the steps of: [characterized by]
  - (1) blending [the components,] said compound (a) and said polymer (b) to form a blend;
  - extruding said blend at a temperature in the range of 20-300°C to form <u>an</u> extrudate[,];
  - (3) grinding [the] said extrudate to form particles[,]; and
  - (4) optionally, sieving [the] said particles.
- 21. (amended) A process of preparing a pharmaceutical dosage form as claimed in [any one of claims 14 to 18] claim 14, comprising the steps of: [characterized by]
  - (1) blending [a] <u>said</u> therapeutically effective amount of particles [as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 13] with pharmaceutically acceptable excipients; and
  - (2) compressing said blend into tablets [or filling said blend in capsules].
- 22. (amended) A method of treating a mammal suffering from a viral infection, comprising the steps of:
  - (1) [Particles according to any one of claims 1 to 13 for use in] preparing a pharmaceutical dosage form of said particles according to claim 1, 25 or 26;
  - (2) administering [,for oral administration to a mammal suffering from a viral infection, wherein] a single dose of said pharmaceutical dosage form [such dosage form can be administered] once daily to said mammal.
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- 24. A pharmaceutical package suitable for commercial sale, comprising:

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- (a) a container[,];
- (b) written matter on said container;
- (c) [an oral] said pharmaceutical dosage form [of a compound of formula (I-A), (I-B) or (I-C)] as claimed in [any one of claims 14 to 19, and] claim 14; wherein said [associated with said package] written matter is associated with said pharmaceutical dosage form.

Please add the following new claims:

- 10 25. A particle consisting of a solid dispersion, comprising:
  - (a) a compound of formula

$$L \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow b^{1} \longrightarrow (R^{2})_{q}$$

$$V \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow b^{4} \longrightarrow R^{2a} \qquad (I-B)$$

the N-oxides, the pharmaceutically acceptable addition salts, quaternary amines and the stereochemically isomeric forms thereof,

wherein

 $-b^1=b^2-C(R^{2a})=b^3-b^4=$  represents a bivalent radical of formula

-CH=CH-C(
$$R^{2a}$$
)=CH-CH= (b-1);

$$-N=CH-C(R^{2a})=CH-CH=$$
 (b-2);

$$-CH=N-C(R^{2a})=CH-CH=$$
 (b-3);

$$-N=CH-C(R^{2a})=N-CH=$$
 (b-4);

$$-N=CH-C(R^{2a})=CH-N=$$
 (b-5);

$$-CH=N-C(R^{2a})=N-CH=$$
 (b-6);

$$-N=N-C(R^{2a})=CH-CH=$$
 (b-7);

q is 0, 1, 2; or where possible q may also be 3 or 4;

 $R^1$  is hydrogen, aryl, formyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkylcarbonyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyloxycarbonyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl substituted with formyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkylcarbonyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyloxycarbonyl;

 $R^{2a}$  is cyano, aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(methyl)aminocarbonyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl substituted with cyano, aminocarbonyl or mono- or di(methyl)aminocarbonyl,  $C_{2-6}$ alkenyl substituted with cyano, or  $C_{2-6}$ alkynyl substituted with cyano;

each  $R^2$  independently is hydroxy, halo,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl optionally substituted with cyano or  $-C(=O)R^6$ ,  $C_{3-7}$ cycloalkyl,  $C_{2-6}$ alkenyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen atoms or cyano,  $C_{2-6}$ alkynyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen atoms or cyano,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyloxy,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyloxycarbonyl, carboxyl, cyano, nitro, amino, mono- or di( $C_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino, polyhalomethyl, polyhalomethyloxy, polyhalomethylthio,  $-S(=O)_pR^6$ ,  $-NH-S(=O)_pR^6$ ,  $-C(=O)R^6$ , -NHC(=O)H,  $-C(=O)NHNH_2$ ,  $-NHC(=O)R^6$ ,  $-C(=NH)R^6$  or a radical of formula

$$A$$
 $B$ 
 $A$ 
 $A$ 
 $C$ 

wherein

each A independently is N, CH or CR<sup>6</sup>;

B is NH, O, S or NR<sup>6</sup>;

p is 1 or 2; and

R<sup>6</sup> is methyl, amino, mono- or dimethylamino or polyhalomethyl;

L is  $C_{1-10}$ alkyl,  $C_{2-10}$ alkenyl,  $C_{2-10}$ alkynyl,  $C_{3-7}$ cycloalkyl, whereby each of said aliphatic group may be substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from

C<sub>3-7</sub>cycloalkyl,

indolyl or isoindolyl, each optionally substituted with one, two, three or four substituents each independently selected from halo, C<sub>1.6</sub>alkyl, hydroxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy, cyano, aminocarbonyl,

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nitro, amino, polyhalomethyl, polyhalomethyloxy and  $C_{1-6}$ alkylcarbonyl,

phenyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl or pyridazinyl, wherein each of said aromatic rings may optionally be substituted with one, two, three, four or five substituents each independently selected from the substituents defined in R<sup>2</sup>; or

L is -X-R<sup>3</sup> wherein

R<sup>3</sup> is phenyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl or pyridazinyl, wherein each of said aromatic rings may optionally be substituted with one, two, three, four or five substituents each independently selected from the substituents defined in R<sup>2</sup>; and

X is -NR<sup>1</sup>-, -NH-NH-, -N=N-, -O-, -C(=O)-, -CHOH, -S-, -S(=O)- or -S(=O)<sub>2</sub>-;

Q is hydrogen,  $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyl, halo, polyhalo $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyl or -NR $^4$ R $^5$ ; and

 $R^4$  and  $R^5$  are each independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxy,  $C_{1-12}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-12}$ alkyloxy,  $C_{1-12}$ alkyloxy,  $C_{1-12}$ alkyloxy,  $C_{1-12}$ alkyloxycarbonyl, aryl, amino, mono- or  $di(C_{1-12}$ alkyl)amino, mono- or  $di(C_{1-12}$ alkyl)aminocarbonyl wherein each of the aforementioned  $C_{1-12}$ alkyl groups may optionally and each individually be substituted with one or two substituents each independently selected from hydroxy,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyloxy, hydroxy $C_{1-6}$ alkyloxy, carboxyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyloxycarbonyl, cyano, amino, imino, mono- or  $di(C_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino, polyhalomethyl, polyhalomethyloxy, polyhalomethylthio,  $-S(=O)_pR^6$ ,  $-NH-S(=O)_pR^6$ ,

-C(=O)R $^6$ , -NHC(=O)H, -C(=O)NHNH $_2$ , -NHC(=O)R $^6$ ,-C(=NH)R $^6$ , aryl and Het; or

 $R^4$  and  $R^5$  taken together may form pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, morpholinyl, azido or mono- or di $(C_{1-12}$ alkyl)amino $C_{1-4}$ alkylidene;

Y represents hydroxy, halo, C<sub>3-7</sub>cycloalkyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>alkenyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen atoms, C<sub>2-6</sub>alkynyl optionally

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substituted with one or more halogen atoms,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl substituted with cyano or  $-C(=O)R^6$ ,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyloxy,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyloxycarbonyl, carboxyl, cyano, nitro, amino, mono- or di $(C_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino, polyhalomethyl, polyhalomethyloxy, polyhalomethylthio,  $-S(=O)_pR^6$ ,  $-NH-S(=O)_pR^6$ ,  $-C(=O)R^6$ , -NHC(=O)H,  $-C(=O)NHNH_2$ ,  $-NHC(=O)R^6$ ,  $-C(=NH)R^6$  or aryl;

aryl is phenyl or phenyl substituted with one, two, three, four or five substituents each independently selected from halo,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{3-7}$  cycloalkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyloxy, cyano, nitro, polyhalo $C_{1-6}$  alkyl and polyhalo $C_{1-6}$ alkyloxy;

Het is an aliphatic or aromatic heterocyclic radical; said aliphatic heterocyclic radical is selected from pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, homopiperidinyl, piperazinyl, morpholinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl and tetrahydrothienyl wherein each of said aliphatic heterocyclic radical may optionally be substituted with an oxo group; and said aromatic heterocyclic radical is selected from pyrrolyl, furanyl, thienyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl and pyridazinyl wherein each of said aromatic heterocyclic radical may optionally be substituted with hydroxy; and

- (b) one or more pharmaceutically acceptable water-soluble polymers.
- 26. A particle consisting of a solid dispersion, comprising
  - (a) a compound of formula

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the N-oxides, the pharmaceutically acceptable addition salts, quaternary amines and the stereochemically isomeric forms thereof,

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wherein

-a<sup>1</sup>=a<sup>2</sup>-a<sup>3</sup>=a<sup>4</sup>- represents a bivalent radical of formula

$$-N=CH-CH=CH-$$
 (a-2);

$$-N=CH-N=CH-$$
 (a-3);

$$-N=N-CH=CH-$$
 (a-5);

n is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4; and in case  $-a^1=a^2-a^3=a^4$  is (a-1), then n may also be 5;

 $R^1$  is hydrogen, aryl, formyl,  $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkylcarbonyl,  $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyloxycarbonyl,  $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyl substituted with formyl,  $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkylcarbonyl,  $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyloxycarbonyl;

each  $R^2$  independently is hydroxy, halo,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl optionally substituted with cyano or  $-C(=O)R^4$ ,  $C_{3-7}$ cycloalkyl,  $C_{2-6}$ alkenyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen atoms or cyano,  $C_{2-6}$ alkynyl optionally substituted with one or more halogen atoms or cyano,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyloxy,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyloxycarbonyl, carboxyl, cyano, nitro, amino, mono- or di( $C_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino, polyhalomethyl, polyhalomethyloxy, polyhalomethylthio,  $-S(=O)_pR^4$ ,  $-NH-S(=O)_pR^4$ ,  $-C(=O)R^4$ , -NHC(=O)H,  $-C(=O)NHNH_2$ ,  $-NHC(=O)R^4$ ,  $-C(=NH)R^4$  or a radical of formula

$$A$$
 $B$ 
 $A$ 
 $A$ 
 $C$ 

wherein

each A independently is N, CH or CR<sup>4</sup>;

B is NH, O, S or NR<sup>4</sup>;

p is 1 or 2; and

R<sup>4</sup> is methyl, amino, mono- or dimethylamino or polyhalomethyl;

L is  $C_{1-10}$ alkyl,  $C_{2-10}$ alkenyl,  $C_{2-10}$ alkynyl,  $C_{3-7}$ cycloalkyl, whereby each of said aliphatic group may be substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from

C<sub>3-7</sub>cycloalkyl;

indolyl or isoindolyl, each optionally substituted with one, two, three or four substituents each independently selected from halo,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, hydroxy,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyloxy, cyano, aminocarbonyl, nitro, amino, polyhalomethyl, polyhalomethyloxy and  $C_{1-6}$ alkylcarbonyl,

phenyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl or pyridazinyl, wherein each of said aromatic rings may optionally be substituted with one, two, three, four or five substituents each independently selected from the substituents defined in  $R^2$ ; or

L is -X-R<sup>3</sup> wherein

R<sup>3</sup> is phenyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl or pyridazinyl, wherein each of said aromatic rings may optionally be substituted with one, two, three, four or five substituents each independently selected from the substituents defined in R<sup>2</sup>; and

$$\label{eq:Xis-NR} X \text{ is -NR}^1\text{-, -NH-NH-, -N=N-, -O-, -C(=O)-, -CHOH-, -S-,} \\ -S(=O)\text{- or -S(=O)}_2\text{-;}$$

aryl is phenyl or phenyl substituted with one, two, three, four or five substituents each independently selected from halo,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{3-7}$  cycloalkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyloxy, cyano, nitro, polyhalo $C_{1-6}$ alkyl and polyhalo $C_{1-6}$ alkyloxy;

with the proviso that compounds wherein

- (i) L is  $C_{1-3}$ alkyl;  $R^1$  is selected from hydrogen, ethyl and methyl;  $-a^1=a^2-a^3=a^4$  represents a bivalent radical of formula (a-1); n is 0 or 1 and  $R^2$  is selected from fluoro, chloro, methyl, trifluoromethyl, ethyloxy and nitro;
- (ii) L is -X-R<sup>3</sup>, X is -NH-; R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen; -a<sup>1</sup>=a<sup>2</sup>-a<sup>3</sup>=a<sup>4</sup>- represents a bivalent radical of formula (a-1); n is 0 or 1 and R<sup>2</sup> is selected from

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chloro, methyl, methyloxy, cyano, amino and nitro and R<sup>3</sup> is phenyl, optionally substituted with one substituent selected from chloro, methyl, methyloxy, cyano, amino and nitro;

- (iii) N,N'-dipyridinyl-(1,3,5)-triazine-2,4-diamine; and
- (iv) (4-chloro-phenyl)-(4(1-(4-isobutyl-phenyl)-ethyl)-(1,3,5)triazin-2-yl)-amine are not included; and
- (b) one or more pharmaceutically acceptable water-soluble polymers.
- 10 27. A process of preparing a pharmaceutical dosage form as claimed in claim 14, comprising the steps of:
  - (a) blending a therapeutically effective amount of particles with pharmaceutically acceptable excipients to form a blend; and
  - (b) filling said blend into capsules.

28. A particle according to claim 4, further comprising a material selected from said compound (a) and said polymer (b);

wherein said material is dispersed in said solid solution to form a solid dispersion;

wherein said compound (a) is in a form selected from amorphous and microcrystalline; and

wherein said polymer (b) is in a form selected from amorphous and microcrystalline.

25 29. A particle produced by the process of claim 20.